

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete paragraph [007] which starts with “This object is achieved with the features...”.

Please delete paragraph [008] which starts with “Advantageous embodiments of the invention...”.

Please amend paragraph [011] as follows:

[0011] It is particularly useful that respectively two heating rods are provided on opposite sides of the pipe. Uniform heating of the pipe is ~~hereby~~thereby achieved.

Please amend paragraph [012] as follows:

[0012] The coffee machine according to the invention is preferably configured so that the pipe and the at least one heating rod ~~is~~are held together by a sleeve. Such a sleeve is to be preferred to a complex housing with regard to manufacturing simplicity. The sleeve can be made of heat-resistant plastic or of metal.

Please amend paragraph [014] as follows:

[0014] In particularly preferred embodiments of the present invention, it is provided that the pipe has ends into which preferably hose-like connecting pieces of a water supply and/or ~~or a~~ water exit can be inserted. These flexible tube connecting pieces can be internally or externally sealing and provide a simple possibility for pushing on a hose for supplying or removing water.